(vi) Attention was drawn to the large number of dowry deaths in the States, as against the low rate of convictions. Obviously, there was a need to strengthen investigation, prosecution and conviction. Emphasis was also given to the need to constitute Advisory Boards under Section 10 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, and to appoint Dowry Prohibition Officers with independent charge to bring about an awareness about its evils.

(vii) The Department also conducted various campaigns in the media to generate awareness about the evils of dowry, and through its various programmes and schemes, is continuously striving to improve and raise the status of women in all walks of life.

Bharat Shiksha Kosh

***74. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the total amount collected in Bharat Shiksha Kosh since its inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of the donors are opposing to pass donations through BSK;

(c) if so, how Government are planning to deal with the situation; and

(d) the amount disbursed through BSK to various institutions of the country; institution-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Government has made its one time contribution of Rs. 1.00 crore to the Kosh. No amount has so far been disbursed out of the Bharat Shiksha Kosh to any institution.

Two contributions received directly from donors, one by IIT Delhi for an amount of US $ 5,000 towards setting up of a scholarship and the other by IIT Mumbai for an amount of US $ 2,50,000 towards construction of a Lecture Hall Complex and establishing three Research Laboratories, were referred to Bharat Shiksha Kosh. These were considered and the concerned IITs were permitted to utilise the contributions for the desired purpose.

No complaint has so far been received from any donor in regard to the Government's instructions to route the funds/donations through the Kosh.

Fishing Harbour Projects of Karnataka

*75. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects for construction of Karwar Fishing Harbour and Malpe Fishing Harbour of Karnataka Government, at an estimated cost of Rs. 229 lakhs and Rs. 481.65 lakhs respectively, are pending with Central Government for approval; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The status of both the Fishing Harbours is as below:

(i) **Karwar Fishing Harbour:** The proposal of Government of Karnataka for construction of fishing harbour Stage-II at Karwar was approved in March, 1998 at a total cost of Rs. 130.00 lakhs. The Central share of Rs. 64.89 lakhs has been released in two instalments to the State with stipulation that the project should be completed by March, 2000. Subsequently, in June 2003, the Government of Karnataka approached the Union Government for consideration of a Revised Cost Estimate with a cost escalation from Rs. 130.00 lakhs to Rs. 229.00 lakhs.

(ii) **Malpe Fishing Harbour:** The proposal of Government of Karnataka for construction of fishing harbour (Stage-I) at Malpe was initially approved in May, 1975 at a cost of Rs. 217.00 lakhs, which was further revised in April 1976, upwardly to Rs. 426.00 lakhs. The Stage-I fishing harbour was commissioned during 1986 and put to use since then.

In order to cater to the increased demands for harbour facilities, the proposal for Stage-II expansion of Malpe Fishing Harbour was approved in February, 1996 at a total cost of Rs. 1196.70 lakh. The entire Central share of Rs. 598.35 lakhs for Stage-II expansion was released in four